



## What Can You do with \$10,000 in Your Neighborhood?

When Vicki Heck first learned about the Neighborhood Match Program, she wondered if her neighborhood could apply and update their old wooden sign in the Cougar Hills neighborhood. She never thought of herself as a “community leader” but she wanted to do something good for her neighborhood. “It started as a very simple thought, but then when I talked to my neighbors, it really brought everyone together, and it became a community effort. It was truly amazing!” Vicki reflected on her experience working on the Match project. This could be you, or your neighborhood. Every year, numerous great neighborhood projects are accomplished because of our love for the place we live. They all started as a single notion like “I wonder if we can add a few more benches to the park right next to our neighborhood” or “I wonder if the City would help us improve the median landscaping”.

The Neighborhood Match Program partners with residents to build improvement projects in communities.



Many neighborhoods have taken advantage of the program to receive matching funds and have made their neighborhood a better place to live and play. The fund recipients in

2013 include Lochmoor, Pheasant Ridge, Cougar Hills, Horizon Crest, Sherwood Forest, and Horizon View neighborhoods. Many residents from these neighborhoods worked together to improve their neighborhood. In the process, they have made connection with their neighbors, learned neighborhood history, and built a stronger sense of pride and identity for their community.



The City is always looking for fun and creative project ideas to bring people together. Applying for funds may sound



intimidating to you, but we will guide you every step of the way and help you make this experience as easy and meaningful as possible. If you have heard about Matching funds, but are not sure if your project idea could become a reality, stop wondering and contact program manager Ying Carlson at [ycarlson@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:ycarlson@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-4342 to get started!

# The Heart and Art of Cultural Translation

*Tuesday, March 18, 1-2:30pm*

*Crossroads Community Center*



Cultural Conversations, a women's group, meeting about every six weeks to build community connection

and cultural

understanding is having its 3rd meeting this year. The topic is "The Heart and Art of Cultural Translation – how culture, language and perception impact our communication". The event will be 1-2:30 at the Crossroads Community Center, 16000 NE 10th St.

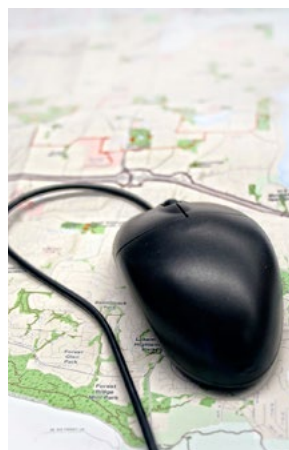
Have you ever felt that you said the wrong thing based on how someone responded to you? Words and their delivery can be interpreted so differently depending on time and place. At a very basic level, where do we start, so that we connect with others and begin to build new friendships and community? In this month's Cultural Conversations, Debbie Lacy, a certified life coach, consultant, and small business owner will lead the discussion and explore not only the complex process of communication across cultures and languages, but even language within the same culture.

Debbie has worked many years leading Eastside Refugee Immigrant Coalition and working with Eastside Human Services Forum. Through her experience working in the diverse community, she has a deep understanding of the subject and is passionate about bridging cultures and improving communication. She will explore the many layers of communication, both verbal and non-verbal. There are so many factors in understanding social or interpersonal relations that differs from culture to culture,

person to person. Have you ever had the experience of feeling awkward, scared or just don't think you have the right words or language to communicate? Debbie believes we could communicate with our heart. But what would that look and feel like? We hope you will come join the conversations and experience it yourself. We will start the meeting with a short presentation, participants will also have an opportunity for small group discussion to share stories and use some new communication tools.

Cultural Conversations is a women's group that was launched in 2010 as a partnership between diverse women in the community and the City of Bellevue. It was initiated by women who had a desire to get better connected with their community and who wanted to enhance their knowledge and understanding of different cultural practices and world views. Gatherings include women from all around the world. The events are free, refreshments are served and women of all ages, faiths and cultures are welcome to attend.

For more information on this event, or future Cultural Conversations programs, please contact Ying Carlson at 425-452-4342 or [ycarlson@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:ycarlson@bellevuewa.gov) or Barb Tuininga at 425-452-2800 or [btuininga@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:btuininga@bellevuewa.gov)



## Projects in Your Neighborhood Map Tool Gets a Facelift

Do you find it hard to find out about construction projects in your neighborhood? The City is excited to

launch a new and improved "Projects in Your Neighborhood" [www.bellevuewa.gov/capital-projects-map.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/capital-projects-map.htm) map tool that will

replace the old one and make it easier to find projects by location. It features an at-a-glance view of current Capital Investment Program Plan (CIP) projects from multiple departments in the city. These are the highest priority projects approved and funded by City Council based on capital needs for a seven-year period (2013-2019).

This new map identifies where CIP projects are located throughout the city and are categorized in layers of phases, such as planning, design and construction.

“This application provides a fast and easy way for citizens to pinpoint projects around the city if they would like more information about a particular project,” said Wendy Hairfield, Utilities. “It’s also interesting to see multiple project locations at a glance.”

With just one click, you can see a project’s name, description, department, estimated schedule, estimated cost and project manager contact information. Many projects also provide direct links to project-specific web pages on the city’s web site.

The new map tool is anticipated to launch March 12, 2014 and will be accessed from the “Projects in Your Neighborhood” link on the city’s home page, [bellevuewa.gov](http://bellevuewa.gov). This new map is also mobile- and tablet-friendly, bringing project information to your fingertips.

“We are very excited about this new map tool,” said Ron Kessack, Transportation. “Projects can be complicated. This tool will help cut out the guesswork when you want to know more about projects happening in your neighborhood.”

If you have any suggestions or comments regarding this new map feature, please send them to Tresa Berg at [tberg@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:tberg@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-4638.

## Heart Week 2014: Surviving a Heart Attack, What Happens Next?



It is 10:30 on a Sunday evening and you notice your wife is sitting on the edge of the bed, you ask “what’s wrong?” The love of your life states “my shoulder and neck are real tight and my stomach is upset”. What should you do? We want everyone to follow all of the suggestions of their doctors: lower cholesterol, watch your diet and blood pressure, exercise every day and quit smoking. But the fact is Bellevue Medic One responds to 4 to 6 cardiac events every day, 365 days a year! The City of Bellevue has one of the highest survival rates in the country of cardiac arrest. There is so much more you can learn to be one of those survivors.

“Surviving a heart attack, what happens next” is the focus of Heart Week 2014 (March 16-22) in Bellevue. During Heart Week, there will be a series of events to help you learn more about a cardiac event such as signs and symptoms, males vs. females, the mechanics when it happens etc. We will also clarify what happens when you call 911, when to call 911 and what information should you prepare to provide. If you ever wonder about these questions, now it’s your chance to learn: why does a fire truck show up when I called for the medics? What happens in the back of those rigs on the ways to the hospital?

Come join us for these “town hall” style community discussions sponsored by the Bellevue Fire Department and Overlake Medical Center:

***Tuesday, March 18, 12pm to 1pm, City Hall  
in the Council Chambers***



**Wednesday, March 19, 6pm to 7pm,  
Overlake Hospital**

**Thursday, March 20, 6pm to 7pm, City Hall  
in the Council Chambers**

**Friday, March 21, 11am to 12pm, Bellevue  
Square Center Mall**

**Saturday, March 22, 2pm to 3pm,  
Crossroads Mall**

For more information about Heart Week  
2014, Please call 425-452-6995.

## Earned Income Tax Credit and Free Tax Preparation Services



Tax season is fast  
approaching.  
Now is the time  
to learn how to  
apply for your  
share of millions

in Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) dollars  
available to eligible families and individuals from  
the Internal Revenue Service. In Jan, Gov. Jay  
Inslee proclaimed Friday, January 31 as “Earned  
Income Tax Credit Day” to help raise awareness  
of this federal program that goes unused by  
about 20 percent of workers who are qualified to  
receive a check for up to \$6,044.

Millions of dollars may go unclaimed by  
Washington residents eligible to receive the  
credit because they don't file a tax return.  
Thousands of working families and individuals  
in Washington do not apply for the credit each  
year, missing out on their share of the money.  
Seniors, individuals with low incomes, and non-  
English speaking taxpayers account for many of  
the unclaimed credits because they don't realize  
they are eligible. Last year, 438,000 people  
applied for the credit, bringing close to \$920  
million into the state's economy.

The eligibility requirements are:

- With three or more qualifying  
children, income less than \$46,227

or \$51,567 if married filing jointly.  
Maximum refund: 6,044.

- With two qualifying children, income  
less than \$43,038 or \$48,378 if married  
filing jointly. Maximum refund: \$5,372.
- With one qualifying child, income less  
than \$37,870 or \$43,210 married filing  
jointly. Maximum refund: \$3,250.
- With no children, income less than  
\$14,340 or \$19,680 married filing  
jointly. Maximum refund: \$487.

**Free tax preparation services** are also  
available to low and moderate-income families  
from now through April 15 in Bellevue:

**Hopelink Bellevue**  
**14812 Main Street**

Monday 5pm to 9pm

Tuesday 1pm to 9pm

Wednesday 1pm to 9pm

Saturday 10am to 2pm

**Bellevue Goodwill**  
**14515 NE 20th St**

Tuesday 5pm to 9pm

Thursday 5pm to 9pm

Saturday 12pm to 4pm

## Green Cleaning Workshops

The City of Bellevue is offering free  
workshops this spring for residents to learn  
how to avoid products that are harmful to  
the environment and our health. We will  
also teach participants how to choose and  
make green cleaners. Participants will receive  
a certificate for completing the class and a  
free green cleaning kit. Spaces are limited  
to 20 Bellevue residents per session on a  
first come, first served basis. Registration is  
required. Email [recycle@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:recycle@bellevuewa.gov) or  
call 425-452-6932 to register:

**Thursday, March 13, 7-8:00pm**  
**Newport Way Library**

**Tuesday, March 25, 7-8:00pm**  
**Lake Hills Library**

**Thursday, April 24, 7-8pm**  
**Bellevue City Hall**

**Monday, April 28, 7-8pm**  
**North Bellevue Community Center**



## March Meetings

*(All meetings are in City Hall unless otherwise noted. Agendas are subject to change. You may confirm with Neighborhood Outreach the day before or day of the meeting. Or consult the City web pages listed below to download agendas.)*

**3/3 City Council** (6:00 study session, Council Conference Room) Downtown Livability (8:00 regular session, Council Chambers) Management Brief regarding NPDES Municipal Stormwater Permit Annual Report, Consent Calendar, Public hearing regarding extension of Ordinance related to individual room rentals.

[http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council\\_overview.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm)

**3/4 East Bellevue Community Council** (6:30, Lake Hills Clubhouse, 15230 Lake Hills Blvd.) Public Hearing for the continuance of the emergency ordinance regarding housing

[http://www.bellevuewa.gov/EBCC\\_Homepage.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/EBCC_Homepage.htm)

**3/4 Arts Commission** (4:30, 1E-109) Photography by Arts Commissioner Hugo Ludeña, and an update on the Cultural Compass. [http://www.bellevuewa.gov/arts\\_comm.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/arts_comm.htm)

**3/5 East Link Permitting CAC** (3:00-5:00p.m., 1E-113) Agenda to be determined

<http://www.bellevuewa.gov/light-rail-permitting-cac.htm>

**3/4 Human Services Commission** (6:30, 1E-113) Finalize 2015-2016 Funding Focus Areas

[http://www.bellevuewa.gov/human\\_serv\\_comm.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/human_serv_comm.htm)

**3/6 Bellevue Network on Aging** (8:30-10:30a.m., 1E-120) FD Cares Presentation, Committee Reports

[http://www.bellevuewa.gov/network\\_on\\_aging.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/network_on_aging.htm)

**3/10 City Council** (6:00 extended study session, Council Conference Room) First of several SMP discussions

[http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council\\_overview.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm)

**3/11 Parks & Community Services Board** (6:00, 1E-113) Agenda to be determined

[http://www.bellevuewa.gov/parks\\_board.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/parks_board.htm)

**3/12 Planning Commission** (6:30, Bellevue College, D106) Speakers Session – Community Health; Introduce upcoming code amendments; 2014 Annual Comprehensive Plan Amendments; Economic Development Strategy

[http://www.bellevuewa.gov/planning\\_commission.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/planning_commission.htm)

**3/13 Transportation Commission** (6:30, 1E-113)

Downtown Transportation Plan, Bellevue Master Transit Plan

[http://www.bellevuewa.gov/trans\\_comm.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/trans_comm.htm)

**3/17 City Council** (6:00 study session, Council Conference Room) Amendments to Transportation Development Code, Police Department Work Program Items relating to False Alarm and Photo Enforcement, Regional Issues (8:00 regular session, Council Chambers) Presentation by Girl Scouts, Youth Link Board report, Management Briefs regarding B&O tax, electrical reliability, and Wilburton community involvement in design of 124th, Consent Calendar, Public hearing regarding interim regulations for recreational marijuana.

[http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council\\_overview.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm)

**3/18 Human Services Commission** (6:30, 1E-113) Agenda to be determined

[http://www.bellevuewa.gov/human\\_serv\\_comm.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/human_serv_comm.htm)

**3/18 Fire Department Sponsors: “Surviving A Heart Attack”** (12:00-3:00, Council Chambers)

[http://bellevue.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?publish\\_id=ecd1092c-ec94-1031-a551-f3fb1162b875](http://bellevue.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?publish_id=ecd1092c-ec94-1031-a551-f3fb1162b875)

**3/19 Fire Department Sponsors: “Surviving A Heart Attack”** (6:00-7:00, Overlake Hospital)

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**3/19 East Link Permitting CAC** (3:00-5:00p.m., 1E-113) Agenda to be determined

<http://www.bellevuewa.gov/light-rail-permitting-cac.htm>

**3/19 Downtown Livability Advisory Committee** (6:30 1E-108) Pedestrian Corridor and Public Open Space

<http://www.bellevuewa.gov/downtown-livability.htm>

**3/20 Fire Department Sponsors: “Surviving A Heart Attack”** (6:00-9:00, City Hall, Council Chambers)

[http://bellevue.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?publish\\_id=ecd1092c-ec94-1031-a551-f3fb1162b875](http://bellevue.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?publish_id=ecd1092c-ec94-1031-a551-f3fb1162b875)

**3/20 Environmental Services Commission** (6:30, 1E-113) CIP Update: Review proposed changes to existing CIP; Waste Water System Plan – ESC Recommendation to Council for Adoption of Draft Plan; 2013 year-end budget monitoring report; Budget One Overview

[http://www.bellevuewa.gov/enviro\\_serv\\_comm.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/enviro_serv_comm.htm)

**3/20 Bellevue Walk & Talk: Shape Your Future** (5:30-7:30, Meet in front of Group Health, 11511 Northeast 10th St) Community meeting about to learn and envision safe, inviting, and accessible places for people of all ages and abilities to walk. Key note speakers include Lynne Robinson, Bellevue City Councilmember and Bill Biggs, Vice President, Group Health

<http://bellevuewalkandtalk.brownpapertickets.com/>

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**3/21 Fire Department Sponsors: “Surviving A Heart Attack”** (11:00-12:00, Bellevue Square Center Mall-Media Day)

[http://bellevue.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?publish\\_id=ecd1092c-ec94-1031-a551-f3fb1162b875](http://bellevue.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?publish_id=ecd1092c-ec94-1031-a551-f3fb1162b875)

**3/22 Fire Department Sponsors: “Surviving A Heart Attack”** (2:00-3:00 Crossroads Mall)

[http://bellevue.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?publish\\_id=ecd1092c-ec94-1031-a551-f3fb1162b875](http://bellevue.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?publish_id=ecd1092c-ec94-1031-a551-f3fb1162b875)

**3/24 City Council** (6:00 extended study session, Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center)  
4-hour Budget Workshop

[http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council\\_overview.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm)

**3/26 Planning Commission** (6:30, Bellevue College, D106) Joint commissions meeting – diversity forum

[http://www.bellevuewa.gov/planning\\_commission.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/planning_commission.htm)

**3/25 East Link Permitting CAC Special Meeting** (5:00-7:00, City Hall) Open house to review and comment on the latest designs for the Downtown Bellevue segment: Main Street to 120th Ave NE, including Bellevue Transit Center Station and Hospital Station.

<http://www.bellevuewa.gov/light-rail-permitting-cac-meetings.htm>

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